



# A.A.M.M. NEWS

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## G R O W T H

By Our National President  
Ruth Williams.

Buy the truth and sell it not; also wisdom,  
and understanding. Proverbs 23:23.

Wonderful thoughts! There is some thing  
we can do to gain truth and understanding.  
We can purchase it with our willingness to  
learn, work, and act rightly. Right doing  
buys joy, wrong doing buys grief.

If we give up our selfishness, this will  
bring us strength. Strength for our personal  
life, strength for our public life. Strength  
for our office, and FOR OUR ORGANIZATION. We  
must relinquish condemnation and this will  
bring us peace. We must let go of our fears  
and this will bring us health.

## OUR

Abraham Lincoln

Born Feb. 12-1809  
Everything we do for others buys us the price-  
less jewel of their love and trust. All that we  
give, we gain, But the good that we hoard, We will  
lose. We must give of ourselves, give and give  
until it hurts and then give some more. How can we give? One way  
----- is to give up that nice quiet evening at home and attend our  
meetings. Another is to spend some time letter writing. We must give  
of our talent or God may take it from us.

Instruction and understanding are ours when we learn that each  
person in our life is our teacher. As we learn to be thoughtful of  
others we find that our ability to think is improved. As we learn  
to feel kindly toward all, we gain the blessing of an untroubled  
soul.

As we gain each point of truth, instruction, and understanding  
we keep the same and make it really ours. We must not let it go,  
we must practice it. We must meditate upon it. We must let it be  
our daily life. We have earned it!! We will not let it fall away!

We do not like to eat the dust from another car, we try to  
pass them to avoid it. BUT UNLESS WE GET THE MOVE ON HERE IN WASH-  
INGTON WE ARE GOING TO EAT SOME IDAHO DUST!



### OUR MONTHLY MESSAGE

By Arthur Mann; Washington State President.

#### A Thought for February.

Here we are, another month has rolled around and I think that this month of February should especially be an inspiring month for all of us as two of our Great men in history were born in February. They set a wonderful example of fortitude and perseverance. It would be well for us to recall the many obstacles and unhappy early life of Lincoln, who through his honesty, hard work and strong conviction that most anything can be accomplished if we are willing to put our shoulder to the plow (so to speak) and help to bring about the accomplished feat.

Washington also accomplished remarkable things with his small army of men who were not equipped, with much more than Loyalty and Courage, against untold obstacles and a cold and cruel winter. With fore-fathers such as these how could we give up in our efforts to gain strength and recognition for our organization, the A.A.M.M.

As you all know our Legislative committee has spent a great deal of time, this last year, in discussion with various groups, pertaining to our Massage Bill. There are many points that will require additional study and possibly revising, and we hope you, the members will bear with us as we try to work them out.

We have also, this last year, been offered the opportunity to assist in the opening of an accredited Massage School at Edison Technical in Seattle, Washington.

We are required to set up the curriculum and supply the teachers. I do not know if this can be worked out in the near future or not, but never the less, it is a step in the right direction.

So many Masseurs and Masseuses go out into the field with insufficient knowledge or lack of experience and this is detrimental to us all, as the many are judged by the few.

So with this in mind, we should study and improve our knowledge and technics, as we can always improve no matter how much we already know..

By Arthur Mann, Washington State President.

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From the IDAHO DAILY STATESMAN Pg 19

January 17, 1955

Boise Idaho

IDAHO MASSEURS VIEW LEGISLATION AT BOISE MEETING;- Twenty members of the Idaho chapter of the American Association of Masseurs and Masseuses held an annual charter meeting Saturday night in the Wright Community Church and discussed a bill filed in the current session of the Idaho Legislature to license massage as a profession.

Mrs. Ruth Williams of Kennewick, Wash., national president, talked on the purpose of the organization during the dinner session and Milton Niedfelt of Seattle, National organizational chairman, spoke on the conduct and responsibilities of the practitioners.

Paul Boeck of Lava Hot Springs, State president, said that the proposed Idaho legislation would protect the public and raise the standards of the profession. He said nine states have such legislation and 31 states are considering a similar bill. Other state Officers are Mrs Lillian Waits of Boise, vice President; Mrs. Minnie Keim of Nampa, secretary-treas, and Mrs. Mary Ann Babbitt of Boise, recording secretary.



## IDAHO GETS HER A.A.M.M. CHARTER

Ruth E. Williams is a Heroine! Never in my life have I witnessed such LOYALTY as she has given to our American Association of Masseurs and Masseuses.

Saturday morning, January 15th, she and her husband & I left Kennewick for Boise Idaho at five minutes before 5:00 A.M. We arrived in Pendelton Ore with a flat tire. They bought a new tire, and their gas, and went on their way. From Pendelton Oregon for eight hours we faught a --what I call a blizzarê. The snow would twist and curl and form a snow cloud in which we had no visability whatever. Some times we had to stop to be sure we were on the road. The Temperature cold and below freezing--the wind was teriffic. She had no thought of turning back. We had our Charter presentation.

We arrived in Manpa (20 miles from Boise) we cleaned up at Mrs. Minnie E. Keim's place and they took care of us in the finest manner. The banquet was called for 6:00 P.M.--We were at Keim's place at 3:00 P.M. and when we had changed our clothes and had a cup of tea, and got to the banquet we were a little late. But everything was waiting for us and a number of phone calls had announced that we had arrived, and would be there.

Mr. & Mrs. Keims owns a packing house. Mr. Keims was President of the Cattlemen's Association and was appointed by the Governor to be one of the Judges of Cattle at the Idaho State Fair. His wife Mrs. Keims is elected Idaho State Secretary of the A.A.M.M.

Mr. Paul A. Bocek--pronounced "Bo-Check" has just organized 45 members in the Chamber of Commerce, and is working as a Masseur at the Government Resort at Lave Hot Springs----Idaho.

We presented the Charter to a fine group. Some traveled through blizzard as did Ruth...When I see that I take heart...Can we impress some of our "tillie slow boys" of the importance of this work, of this "Service beyond duty"---Coming back we had a blow-out, and we still got home..safe. and tired and worthy of help in this great effort of Organizing the Massage Profession. Round trip 1200 miles

By Milton A Niedfelt, Asst. Editor

## N-O-T-I-C-E

The Idaho Chapter has taken steps to set up their own "PAPER " and so we will let them tell their own story of who signed their Charter, and who didn't and about the fine elderly woman 82 years old who was made honorary member and her name was added---and those that had tears in their eyes when they found that other sister states were willing to help, encourage and support them in their new venture.---If you want a copy of their first issue, Better send \$2.00 to Mrs. Mary Babbitt-- 1509 N 15th St--Boise Idaho--Give them a lift, You won't miss the \$2.00 and they will be grateful for the friendly gesture... and you will like their paper. Yes and the wonderful Banquet, and singing, and their Massage Act.----Don't miss!

We must develope Social Skills in order to persuade other men to give us the opportunity to show our abilities. Louis Grafe.

The GREATEST desire of all Massage Technicians must be to make people well and happy... Niedfelt Page. A-13



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# What Does MASSAGE mean to You? By J L Hatch Snohomish Wash.

Some years ago a traveling salesman in the midwest came in for a steam bath and massage about every trip. He told me he liked to get a treatment once a week if possible as he could always notice his sales drop off if he neglected the treatments. He covered a large territory and massage was not always available to him.

One day he said "Do you know what is wrong with your business?" to which I replied, "I am enjoying good business but always welcome constructive criticism. What's wrong?"

"It's not your business" said the salesman "I'm talking about your profession as a whole and this is just what I have encountered. Too many people take up massage when they are out of work, not because of any love for the work, but because they think they can get into a business of their own quickly and with small cash outlay. Even beginners massage is restful to a tired road-weary traveling man and after a few treatments at the beginners place we look forward to a massage as we near his or her place of business.

Too often we find a new face at the door and inquiry reveals that he or she has gone back to their former line of work and the monthly pay check, and the Massage Studio is again a private home. The Salesman gets tired of looking around for a massage studio and just gets out of the massage habit?

If you know of some one who is just about to start with no other motive than money why not discourage that one before they give the profession a "Black Eye?"

On the other hand if you know some one who loves their work but is having a tough time getting started or keeping going, give them all the encouragement you possibly can and when they have built their business up to a point that is a way above comparison with your own you will not only have their lasting appreciation, you will have an inner sense of joy and satisfaction that nothing can destroy. Faithfully yours J.L. Hatch

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How Right Mr. Hatch really is!--- And how your Assistant Editor would like to "BLOW HIS TOP!" and tell some of these people that OPPOSE our Massage Act--- That if they have one iota of sense at all they would know that the American Association of Masseurs would stabilize the Massage Profession if they were allowed to have their Massage Law... That is why they want such a Massage Law in the first place... Our Critics only "DREAM" of what the Massage Profession was before we A.A.M.M Members got to work... now we want the tools to make further correction... and that is our Massage Act.

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To  
General Dohm  
Professional Department  
Department of License  
Olympia Washington

A-B-O-U-T the VITIMINS & MINERALS

December 23, 1954

Dear sir:- A number of our people have told me that they have, or are contemplating the discontinuation of selling Food Supplements, Minerals, and Vitamins---though they have a "Shop Keepers License" from the Washington State Board of Pharmacy, and though they sell only package forms, and do not sell medicine, nor prescribe.



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They tell me the reason is that they are "afraid"--And so I asked them what they are afraid of, and they say they are afraid of the "LAW"--Repeatedly I ask them if they are doing anything that is illegal, and they say "They don't think so, but they don't know"---So when I pin them down they seem to be afraid because the ignorance of the Law, and the provisions governing the sales of these products.

These Masseurs and Masseuses belong to the American Association of Masseurs and Masseuses, and as Associate Editor of their Official paper I think it is my job to try to get the needed information and publish it.

I don't know if this Chelan case against this Sanipractor had anything to do with this or not. But these people are not Sanipractors they are Masseurs and Masseuses. And I think it is my job to help straighten them out.

So I request, yes I pray you to publish through our humble paper information to guide us and help us. Information that I can publish--I would like to have it in letter form if possible, and not very lengthy, about 45 lines in a series would be my allotted space in any one issue. Thanks a million.

Yours truly---Milton A Niedfelt Assistant Editor

T-E-L-E-G-R-A-M (WIRE)

January 11, 1955

Dear General Dohm

I have not received an answer to my letter to you of Dec 23, 1954--Will you kindly acknowledge this letter to me and tell me what to expect.

Both the Prosecuting attorney's Office and your field Inspector urged me to write you this letter. Please send me the required information immediately. Milton A Niedfelt Asst Editor AAMM News.

His Exact Letter in Reply

STATE OF WASHINGTON

Milton A Niedfelt, ~~DEPARTMENT~~ OF LICENSE

A. A.M.M News

805 E Denny Seattle 22 Washington

January 12, 1955

Dear sir:--

In answer to your wire relating to your letter of December 23rd, you are advised that the letter was held due to the fact that I was unable to determine exactly what was desired on your part and felt that it should be the subject of a conference in person in order to secure definite information as to what you wanted to publish in your official paper.

In the first place, this Department has nothing to do with the State Board of Pharmacy or with the issuance of "Shop Keepers License" and in the second place there is no state law regulating the practice of massage but there are four state laws regulating the healing arts and no one who is not registered can diagnose ailments or prescribe remedies.

I would say that the sale of "food supplements", minerals and vitamins under a proper shop keepers license would not violate existing statutes providing the sale was made with no connection with any attempt to diagnosis and prescribe. The Chelan case mentioned in your letter was where a drugless physician was prescribing for his patients and a certificate as a drugless physician carries with it no right to deal with internal medicine



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It is a well known fact that there are certain unlicensed chiropractors who are practicing in this state as masseurs and that there are certain masseurs who are attempting to invade the field of healing and it would seem that to eliminate any cause for complaint, your people should stay away from dealing with any medicine of any character. This is simply my personal opinion as we have no control over the sale of the products mentioned above or of your profession and would not enter the picture unless we receive a formal complaint that one of the laws governing the healing arts was being violated.

Very truly yours,  
Department of License  
(Signature) Edw. C. Dohm  
Professional Division

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#### Editorial

Your Editor wishes to take this Opportunity to Thank General Dohm for this letter, and we can all understand it as being Correct, and not hearsay. ---Summarizing it in one statement it would be QUOTE " I would say that the sale of 'food supplements, minerals and vitamins under a proper shop keepers license would not violate the existing statutes providing the sale was made with no connection with any attempt to diagnosis and prescribe" --- and lets underline WITH NO CONNECTION WITH ANY ATTEMPT TO DIAGNOSIS AND PRESCRIBE.

By Milton A Niedfelt Asst. Editor.

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#### MEETING REPORT

Seattle Local Meeting--- January 9, 1955

A regular meeting for our Association was held at the home of our very gracious host Milton and Carol Niedfelt, 805 East Denny, Seattle.

A very small attendance was had, with the exception of Mr. & Mrs Niedfelt, those present were all from far away places, not a member from the City of Seattle was present. I wish to complement those from distances, for their efforts to attend the meetings.

If every member would only put forth one half the effort to attend that a few dependables do, we could really go places.

However we did have an interesting meeting, with some discussion, which brought forth some good ideas. Among our distant guests were Mr. & Mrs. Arne Glavind from Vancouver B.C. Mrs. Niedfelt served a very delicious lunch. I would like to say a word here in appraisal of efforts and energy spent by Milton Niedfelt, to give us our A.A.M.M News each month and on schedule, no one knows unless you have worked with him how much work he puts out in our behalf. If the rest of us had half the energy and enthusiasm he has, we would get our association every where, there is a masseur or masseuse in our membership.

Fraternally John A. Murray  
President Seattle Local.

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Dear Mr. Murray,

I want to thank you for the above complement, however I am beginning to learn to help ONLY those that will work with me, and really want my help. ---Besides putting out this paper I want the members to know that I have more subscriptions (paying subscriptions) outside our Washington Membership, than we have members in Washington--besides that I have a National Organizing Committee of 11 members. By Niedfelt



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Oct 9, 1954

TRY STATE MEETING!

By Our National Secy-Treas

D.S. Carlson

(parts deleted)

I wish to complement you and Mrs. Dunbar on the last issue of the Washington A.A.M.M News, next I think it very commendable that you are working and cooperating with the Oregon Chapter, this friendly gesture is what I call real A.A.M.M spirit.

If possible try to get a Tri-state meeting every 3 months. Utah now having a chapter would probably be interested. We should have a chapter in Idaho. At one time we corresponded with the corresponding Secy. of the Idaho Massage Assn., Mary Babbit, are you in touch with her? she said she gets your Washington News. Mary Babbit told me she expected to be organized by convention time. Had planned to consider taking in there whole organization.

... sent for application forms stating they wanted to join, . Get in touch with them if you can. Sincerely yours, D.S. Carlson Secy-Treas.

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ATTENTION WASHINGTON STATE OFFICERS

AND MEMBERS...Also Oregon

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Mr. Paul A. Bocek, of Lava Hot Springs Idaho asked that a Tri-State meeting be held soon. He proposed that it could be some time in April, and a tentative City would be Lewiston Idaho. These are all fine members of our A.A.M.M. -- No person should be so "Disinterested" that they would not make a trip to find out new movements, and meet these new people. They too will travel some distance to meet us--- Our President Ruth Williams told your Asst. Editor that she would write each president a letter in this matter, and try to get them to cooperate. Niedfelt

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Associated Press January 14, 1955

Elmer Hultaa a Chiropractor of Hogueiam Washington is Chairman of the House Committee on Medicine Dentistry and Drugs. Chiropractors have long been at odds with the medical profession over basic science examinations given chiropractors. The difference reached a bitter stage last year when the Chiropractors sponsored an initiative aimed at revising standards for licensing their profession. --- The Senate Committee on Medicine and Dentistry also has a non-medical chairman, Stanton Ganders. --a Hickleton Democrat and a farmer.

Summarized from the Seattle Times.

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A little boy was sitting on one of the benches in Central Park, New York, watching people ride the donkeys. An exceedingly fat woman hired a donkey and was about to mount when she saw the small boy and said to him; -----"Little Boy, don't you want me to hire a donkey for you too?---"No, thank you, I'd rather sit here and laugh."

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An Ambassador having come to Sparta from Perinthus, spoke at great length. ---What answer shall I return to the Perinthians?"he asked? "Say," replied the King."that you talked a great deal, and that I did not utter a word."



## OREGON NEWS

Dear Mr. Niedfelt,

January 19, 1955

Concerning the course offered by this School, I shall be most appreciative for the opportunity of having the Members of the A.A.M.M. receive this information, for it is the Practicing Masseuse who very frequently is called upon for information.

I attended the local chapter of A.A.M.M., at Mr. Tylers place of business in Dundee, Ore., I was impressed by the fact that only one member was absent and this absence was due to being out of State at the time, a wonderful atmosphere of co-operation and friendly attitude was very evident, was truly a pleasant visit, on my part.

I would be most happy to receive a visit to my School, by yourself and any member of the A.A.M.M. when in Portland.

A gentleman and a Graduate of a Seattle School and has considerable experience, ~~the~~ came to Portland, has completed this course, Graduated June 25, 1954, he decided he preferred to live in Seattle, so did not take the State Board in Oregon, he is a fine person, very efficient in his work, should be a member of your Association, I hope you can contact him, you can say that I suggested you do so.

Again Thanking you, I remain  
(Signature) Jennie S. Cotner  
Oregon School of Massage --5215 N.E. 30th Ave  
Portland 11 Oregon.

MEETING REPORT

Our Chapter held their last meeting January 16th, 1955 at the Dundee Health Center in Dundee Oregon, with a 100% attendance. Guest of the meeting were Goldie Wolfe, from Ashland Oregon., and Dr. Jennie S. Cotner, of the Ore. School of Massage and Therapy, in Portland. After a short meeting refreshments were served and meeting adjourned till March 6th., where we will meet at Elizabeth Van Dor Veens place of business 1532 N.W. Broadway, in Portland.

Those of us in the Ore. Chapter believe these meetings held every other second month, help to keep our organization together, promote a friendly atmosphere in discussing business conditions and helpful massage therapy. We also have the prospect of several new members, and even tho were small in numbers, we're might coöperative.

By C.A. Tyler--Secty-Treas Oregon Chapter.

Dear Mr. Niedfelt,

I have written a letter to ~~the~~, a personal letter and enclosed a copy of the Masseuse and other pertinent facts about the A.A.M.M. Also asked if he would call on ~~the~~ and see what could be done toward getting a chapter started down there. I have a very good prospect in one ~~the~~ in Puyallup Washington., which I am sure can be gotten for your state. I've given her various other facts about our A.A.M.M. and she is very much interested. Have someone call and see her. We also invited Dr. Jennie Cotner of the Ore. School of Massage who attended our meeting Sunday. She's a booster for our Organization I believe and promises to send me the names of various graduates for me to contact. So look out! Nothing else much to report about

C.A. Tyler--S ec-treas Oregon Chapter.  
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## THE IMPORTANCE OF PSYCHOLOGY IN PRACTICE

By Loren H. Schrag, Schrag Bldg  
Soap Lake Washington

Most of the people in the profession prefer to let their work do their advertising. Others prefer to try to make the people believe in them from the old "I AM" theory and if they keep this up long enough they will probably get to the stage of believing it themselves much to the disgust of the patient. Habits are awful hard to break.

Suggestion goes back as far as mankind and is the most important factor of our culture today. Yet suggestion without attention is nothing and if you are one of those "I AM"s, the next time you are bragging about yourself, try looking at the patient and see if he is listening and also if he is following your line of thought. Listening to someone that one doesn't understand is just as bad as not paying any attention to what you are saying.

Suggestion in its extreme is "Hypnotism". Have you ever watched a hypnotist work? If you haven't then I would suggest that you should see one work, it may help you get things across to the patient. Any business no matter how large or small is a process of selling yourself as well as your product to the other people. If you can do that then you will succeed big. If not, you will only make an existence in life.

In a previous issue of the A.A.M.M there was a short article, the whole gist of it was (do not brag on yourself--let your work speak for itself) If you follow that philosophy you will make a living but so will the person that brags on himself. Who is the better of the two? Do you have a good business and if not have you asked yourself why? If your work is good then you are not selling yourself to the public. Your psychological approach is wrong. Have you ever tried to estimate the patient psychologically? What type of personality? Is he a leader himself or is he easily lead? It doesn't matter what type of personality that you are as long as you can satisfy your patients. Remember this and someday you will have as big a business as you wish.

By Loren H Schrag.

Note; Loren Schrag and his brother are just new members in our A.A.M.M. We are glad to have this fine Editorial, Thanks! By Niedfelt

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I am wondering if the above isn't a SUBJECT that should be a "MUST" in our Massage Schools?. By Niedfelt, Asst Editor

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We all should write Mr. Carlson, our National Secty Treas and tell him how nice our New Year Book is--- Mr. Carlson used a lot of hard work in arranging it, and it sure will be practical, although some of the faces of some of our members are pretty "RED" because they didn't pay any attention to Mr. Carlson's questioner, and didn't get "CODE LETTERS" along side their name. -- See! See what you members did to yourself....See! Asst Editor.

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REMEMBER: Co-ordination with this Newspaper will build a better Convention in Yakima, at the Chinook Hotel June 4th & 5th  
What talent do you want at this Convention? --Better let us know--NOW! Remember the Chinook Hotel, Yakima June 4&5

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Mr. Phillip Janssen says that "Now The group listing in the Telephone 'Yellow Section' is completed. Thanks Mr. Janssen---This is a great job done---It took us more than five years to get this job started. We hope that it will be continued now, from Year to Year.

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NEWS FLASH---NEWS FLASH

F-L-A-S-H

South Dakota just Organized a State Chapter! --- (no further information, available..... Details Later. Next issue Watch for it.

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T-H-I-S I-S N-E-W-S !

Probably the best known Massage and Steam Bath in Seattle "The Crystal Steam Bath" at 722 Broadway has Changed Hands. It will be taken over by Dr. Kyran Hynes as a silent partner, and his sister Phylimania Parmeter will manage the establishment.

Mr. John A. Murray, who has been Chairman of the Seattle City Local of our A.A.M.M. will be employed as Physical Therapist and Masseur. Mr. Murray did not need a Seattle City Massage License when working for the Washington Athletic Club, but got one anyway. Now he has his City License, and has an OUTSTANDING JOB, in an outstanding place in Seattle. We are glad Mr. Murray has this "BOOST" and we feel that this place now can carry the aproval of the A.A.M.M. It is expected that a complete Physical Therapy unit will be had.

By M.A. Niedfelt Asst Editor.

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S-P-O-K-A-N-E N-E-W-S

The Spokane Chapter is planning a card party to be held the first part of February. The committee has not yet reported the time and place.

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Leston T. Short has been appointed Chairman of the National Advertising Committee;; The Purpose of the Committee is to get ads for the National paper THE MASSEUR.

We want one or more ads from each state per month, which should bring in ---- some money. By Leston T.Short, Wash State V- Pres.

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Report on the Massage Bill----- No Money--No Bill! (For Legislation)

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L-E-G-I-S-L-A-T-I-O-N

Reporting on Meeting with Medical Group  
In regard to our Massage Bill By

John A Murray  
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On Tuesday January 4th, 1955 at 7:30 P.M. Arthur Dunbar and myself, met with a Medical Group of five. Two of them, I believe were Osteopathic physicians & Surgeons, the others were medical physicians and Surgeons, the others were medical physicians and surgeons. Two Secretaries, a man and a woman were present.

The doctors introduced themselves to us as they came in, then all set down to a conference table, except Arthur Dunbar and I. We remained seated where we were.

After looking over our Massage Bill with some low voiced comments and some notations. Arthur Dunbar was asked to present our opinion etc. which he did in a very fine manner. The lady secretary recorded his statements. The man secretary, Mr. Ralph Niel did practically all of the questioning, of Arthur Dunbar for the Medical Group with questions such as "Did you support Bill 188 ?

Then Mr. Niel asked, "How about Chiropractors who fail in the examinations for state license in their own field, and apply for license to practice massage, how are you going to keep them from doing Chiropractic Theory, as long as they can come in contact with the public? Certainly we do not have enough inspectors to watch them all!"

Then the Chairman of this group of Medical Doctors, (name not remembered) asked "Just what do you mean by an Accredited School of College of Massage? What is the curriculum? How many hours are required to qualify, a Masseur or Masseuse for graduation from a so called accredited school or college?"

Arthur Dunbar answered these questions as carefully and diplomatically as possible to do so.

I made a short talk in support of Arthur Dunbar in telling them what we hoped to accomplish by raising our educational standards and standard of quality of Massage Techniques. In conclusion, we were given assurance that if we could present the qualifications for an accredited school or college of Massage, with curriculum and required hours, they would support us, if the requirements were satisfactory.

I might add a side light to the above article. We have around 60 medical doctors, who are fairly regular attenders to the conditioning department of the Washington Athletic Club. I have talked with a good share of them, while giving them massage, in regard to prescribing massage to their patients, almost to a man they have told me the same thing. That if they only knew masseurs or masseuses that were qualified that they could depend on, they could keep them busy. But their past experience had not been satisfactory, either the technician was not qualified to give the massage that was necessary, or that they would give them (the patient) a lecture on what they could do for them if they would just forget the medicine or shots and take massage regularly or that their places of business were not in keeping with what a professional office should be. Their clientele being used to fine homes and better offices just didn't want to go to a place of lower quality as they just wouldn't risk sending them.

So there are the thoughts on the profession of Massage from the Medical Prof mind. We can all realize and will have to admit that these are obstacles to be overcome, in our fight for recognition of our fine profession. Lets not abuse it, but strive to make it better.

By John A. Murray.

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E-D-I-T-O-R-I-A-L

By Arthur Dunbar-----Editor, Seattle

The busy time has arrived for your legislative committee. We have worked on a bill and had it almost ready for presentation to the legislature when we found that some of our members were unhappy with it. We also talked over our Bill with the committee on public laws of the Medical Association, of Washington, and they pointed out some of our mistakes. They for instance showed us that the wording of the bill wouldn't accomplish what we desired. They were in full sympathy with our aims.

Since that time we are busying ourselves with the preparation of another bill and should we have it ready we will introduce it.

The bill may not be all that any one of us would wish and may fall far short of the wishes of some, but we feel it will be a start and we will be able to make modifications, additions and ammendments as our experience dictates later on.

We will first set up some standards of qualifications for education and training and morals. Then we will make some definitions of what a masseur is and his fields of operation. We will not spell out in the first act such things as springing and stretching of muscles, colonic irrigations, but will limit most of our definations to the regular massage movements but will avoid as far as possible putting limitations on ourselves.

The years that will follow will then show us what further provisions should be added or repealed.

We have many friends in the legislature this time, as well as a Governor that enjoys Massage, and we feel that we should try to get something on the book this session.

May this issue of this paper find all of our readers and members well and happy. May this year find prosperity and all good things coming to all of us.

There is one Message I do want to pass on to our members and that is that I find the medical people not unfriendly nor wishing to do us harm. But are willing to be friendly and helpful. The message Dr. Munger left with us about not running down one another and fellow practitioners in other fields or endeavor is a good one. I think if we show a friendly spirit toward them and try to work with them as brothers in the art of bringing health and comfort to our fellow beings and leave the "BRICKBATS" at home we have nothing to fear from them as long as we do not try to practice Medicine or other things for which we are not trained or licensed... By Arthur Dunbar.

Chairman Legislative Committee.

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I want to thank all you folks for the "material" that you have furnished to make up this issue... I could not get it all in, and must hold some of it for the next issue--- Get your friends to watch for it... M.A.N.

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